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Denver Mint

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DENVER,

COLORADO.

January 2, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1926.

Salaries and Wages, Mint at Denver, 1926,
$ 13,500.00
Contingent Expenses, Mint at Denver, 1926,
2,000.00

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

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January 2, 1926.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Madam:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1926.

Salaries and Wages, Mint at Carson, 1926 .	$430.00
Contingent Expenses, Mint at Carson, 1926	35.00

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

OR

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January 4. 1926.

Denver, Colorado.

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		1925			
Amer. Railway Express	Philadelphia	11/12	Denver	1 box 1¢ dies	$1.65
"	"	11/16	"	1 box ¼ Eagle dies	1.44

A.R.

Jan. 5, 1926.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I am inclosing Gautier voucher, and have to request that you will have Gautier & Company render an account for $3959.00 on the regular form of voucher, and you will please place it in line for payment in the usual manner.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Inclosure.

Jan. 5, 1926.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of Dec. 28th you are authorized to expend $28.70 plus carrying charges for one four-drawer steel letter file and three full units of the necessary folders, guides, etc., as listed in the catalogue of the General Supply Committee for the fiscal year 1926, it being understood that this price is F. O. B. point of shipment, and that the goods will be forwarded on Government bill of lading.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

January 6, 1926.

Denver, Colorado.

Denver, Colorado,

H/12/16096	11/25/25	Minneapolis		$5,000	$ 17973

Jan. 7, 1926.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

In July of 1925 a blank form of bond was sent to you to be executed by Mr. Hapenny. The bond has not yet been returned to the Department, and the Bond Division has made inquiry about same. Please remind Mr. Hapenny, and have the bond executed and returned immediately.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Jan. 13, 1926.

Superintendent, Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Bureau today advised Malstrom bond approved seventh.

O'Reilly, Acting Director.

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Contingent Expenses, Office Director of Mint, 1926.

January 14, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

There has been placed to the credit of your 1926 salaries and wages appropriation by Certificate No.53374, dated January 8, 1926, the sum of $5,054.00, on account of reimbursement for extra expenses of refining silver bullion purchased under the Pittman Act. This deposit is without personal credit to you and should not appear in your account current.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 20, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith find voucher rendered by Marsh & McLennan, in amount $0.15, for registered mail insurance charges on minor coin shipped during December. The rate of 4 7/8¢ per $1,000 is correct, but verification of amounts shipped, and computation should be made prior to payment of the voucher from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F:f
inc:

Jan. 21, 1926.

Superintendent United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Authorized accept bids four tons refined tin six tons electrolytic zinc.

O'Reilly
Acting Director

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Contingent Expenses, Office Director of Mint, 1926.

January 21, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The following is brought to attention regarding your accounts for the month of December 1925.

In stating the titles of the appropriations on regular account current the word "Colorado" need not be used; it is not a part of the official title.

According to accepted proposal attached to Vo. 142, the unit price per gallon of oil is $.4725. The order reads $.4750, and the voucher shows the latter rate for 52.9 gallons making an apparent overpayment of $.13; the voucher and subvouchers in question are enclosed herewith. In cases where the lowest bid is not accepted that fact and reasons establishing that the Government's best interests are served by accepting a higher bid should be stated over signature of the responsible officer.

Copy of purchase order accompanying Vo. 164, payable to the Underwood Typewriter Co., is returned herewith for signature of Superintendent.

It is requested that original copies of telegrams be forwarded to attach to Vo. 175, payable to the Western Union Telegraph Co., as subvouchers. Original telegrams should accompany all vouchers for that type of service.

Accepted proposal accompanying Vo. 178, M. L. Foss, is returned herewith with request that certificate "I have satisfied myself *****" be signed and returned.

Vo. 183 and accompanying subvouchers, General Ceramics Co., are also enclosed herewith with the request that the accepted proposal be signed as indicated for Vo. 178 above. It is noted that the materially lower bid of M. A. Knight on the first item was not accepted. Since each item on a proposal is presumed to be separately considered in this respect rather than the total cost of the combined items, adequate reasons should accompany the voucher (herewith) for accepting the higher bid.

Memorandum copy of Vo. 146, Contingent Expenses, Public Moneys, 1926, is returned herewith for your files. It evidently was forwarded here by error.

Certificate of Deposit 1031 and memorandum of bullion received of same number are enclosed herewith. It will be noted that the payee on the former is stated as Dr. C. J. Pritchard, while it is shown as Dr. C. G. Pritchard on the latter. Please make the necessary correction and return.

Certificate of Deposit 1089 and memorandum of bullion received of the same number are returned for correction. The certificate of deposit is payable to Schwartz Bros. Dental Lab. Co., while the memorandum of bullion received is in favor of Schwartz Dental Lab. Co.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Jan. 26, 1926.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of Jan. 23rd and for the reasons stated you are authorized to accept the bid of the Dixon Crucible Company, amounting to $4,805.50, the lowest bid received on graphite goods needed at your institution, as follows:

500	#80 Crucibles, Special	$3760.00
250	Covers for above	617.50
100	#30 Crucibles	282.00
200	#4 Pouring Cups	108.00
200	9-inch Stirrers	38.00
		$4805.50

Respectfully.

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Inclosures.

Jan. 28, 1926.

Honorable R. J. Grant
United States Mint
Denver Colorado

Please ask Superintendent hasten return personnel cards sent last week.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

OR

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1926.

January 29, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Please be advised that the proceeds of platinum sold by the New York Assay Office for you, $40,008.75, have been deposited in the Treasury by C/D #151, dated January 20, 1926, to your personal credit. The amount in question should be taken into your regular January account current as a collection, also as a deposit, since it is a revenue pertaining to your office. The amount in question will not appear in the account current of the New York Assay Office.

Respectfully,
M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

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Feb. 1, 1926.

Superintendent United States Mint
Denver Colorado.

Please wire January coinage statement.

O'Reilly
Asting Director.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1926.

February 1, 1926.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition has been approved for advance to you the following to meet the expenses of your institution during the fiscal year 1926.

Salaries and Wages, Mint at Denver, 1926 . .	$13,200.00
Contingent Expenses, Mint at Denver, 1926 . .	4,000.00
Total	17,200.00

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Feb. 2, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint
Denver Colorado

Authorized accept lowest bid obtainable forty tons copper minor coinage.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1926.

Feb. 2, 1926.

Honorable R. J. Grant
Care of United States Mint
Denver Colorado

Dies left Philadelphia yesterday. Everything all right here.

O'Reilly
Acting Director.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1926.

Feb. 2, 1926.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of Jan. 30th and for the reasons stated you are authorized to purchase from the Minor Coinage Metal Fund the remaining balance of the invoice of zinc, amounting to 2414 pounds, at 9 cents per pound, payment to be made from your Contingent Fund, 1926. It is understood that this zinc is unsuitable for the purpose of minor coinage, and that it can be used to advantage in the refinery.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

February 2, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of letter of the Superintendent of the Melting and Refining Department of the Denver Mint, dated January 28, 1926, forwarded by endorsement of the Superintendent. The last sentence of the letter reads as follows: "The ruling of these books (see attached page) renders them wholly unfit for use by this Department". Herewith I am returning the samples which accompanied the letter in question, of both old and new forms #184. On the new form has been noted, in pencil, data taken from the sample showing method of use of the old form, which sample was furnished the Bureau some time ago. From this it will be seen that by moving the "standard weights" from the right hand margin to the column along-side the "description" of the various items, the new form is fully as practicable as the old. Will add, in this connection, that the form, as recently furnished, may be modified at a later date, after consideration is given by the various offices to the proposed general forms revision.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Feb. 8, 1926.

Superintendent United States Mint
Denver Colorado.

Authorized accept proposal Schaefer Tent and Awning Company twelve thousand coin sacks five decimal three five cents.

Grant
Director.

Feb. 8, 1925.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The envelope containing "Reports of Assays and Charges", (Form 59-A), recently forwarded by you, reached the Bureau in an envelope placed on the same by the Post Office Department. It is apparent that some of the Manila envelopes on hand at Denver are so badly dried that they are unsafe for important mail. I would suggest that Manila paper be used in wrapping accounts of any bulk.

Respectfully,

R J Grant

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

Feb. 12, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado.

Assay Commission reports all coins reserved by your Mint satisfactory.

Grant
Director.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1926.

Feb. 12, 1926.

Superintendent
United States Mint
Denver Colorado.

Authorized to accept proposal Hemter Glove Company Seattle one hundred fifty pairs horsehide mitts at ninety-five cents.

Grant
Director.

Contingent Expenses Office Director of Mint 1926.

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February 15, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

The Bureau is in receipt of your letter of February 11, concerning retirement deductions for Mr. C. C. Malmstrom, Assayer, which deductions have not been made according to your letter since his transfer from the position of Assistant Melter and Refiner on November 16, 1925.

It is suggested that deductions for the entire period during which they have not been made be made on the payroll current at the time this letter is received by you, and that they be regularly continued thereafter. This method will be the simplest and avoid extra trouble and work in preparing additional papers.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint

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February 15, 1926.

Superintendent, United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Upon my recent visit to New Orleans I found a large size balance which could be spared by the Mint at New Orleans for your institution, and I am today requesting the Assayer in Charge at New Orleans to ship the balance to you on Government bill of lading, the shipping charges to be billed against your "Contingent Appropriation, 1926".

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 17, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of February 15th advising you that the Assayer in Charge at the Mint at New Orleans has been requested to forward to you one of the large balances on hand at his institution, I have now to advise you that it has been decided to send this balance to the Mint at Philadelphia instead of to your Institution.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

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February 16, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

By direction of the Bureau of Pensions, Retirement Division, I am inclosing a form of application for the return of retirement fund to Mr. Whitney. The Pension Bureau requests that the application be made on the inclosed new form.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant
Director of the Mint.

February 19, 1926.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith please find one copy of your regular account current and one copy of Schedule of Collections for the month of January, with request that they be amended as per pencil notations. The item of $0.13 refunded to the 1926 contingent appropriation should be placed on the line pertaining to that appropriation instead of in a separate place, and the detailed explanation thereof should appear on the Schedule of Collections. On the Schedule of Collections, where a single C/D covers the total of a collection item appearing on the right hand side of the form it is requested that, on the left hand side of the form, the date column and receipt number column be used as their printed headings contemplate; where more than one C/D pertains to a collection item appearing on the right hand side of the form, a clearer method of stating the relationship of deposits to collections is by showing the C/Ds in detail on left-hand side, as indicated in pencil on the inclosure.

With reference to the public vouchers, it is noted that in two instances articles of a particular make were specified in inviting bids - voucher #196, "Crown" line band daters, and voucher #203, "Everready" flashlights. If you desire to submit any further data in support of these purchases the Bureau will consider including same with the vouchers when sent to the General Accounting Office. In this connection reference is made to Bureau circular letter of February 18, 1926.

Reference is made to page 19 of Mint Regulations wherein it is provided that at least three bids should be obtained on proposed purchases, whenever practicable. It is noted that but two bids are usually obtained at the Denver Mint. Other Mint Service institutions usually get three bids. This is brought to attention at this time because of the more strict requirements of the General Accounting Office, recently applied.

Please forward schedule of advances on bullion, outstanding at the end of January, to support the item of $24,000.

It is noted that under the heading of "Inclosures" on reverse of accounts current, in some instances the vouchers which are rendered in duplicate are stated as being all inclosed for the General Accounting Office. For example, on January bullion account current is noted "8 vouchers acquisition and disposition of metal, form 193"; on regular

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Denver, continued:

account current, "2 Schedules of Collections". Only the originals are inclosed with the accounts current for the General Accounting Office, the duplicates remaining in the Bureau.

If you retained a copy of the bullion abstract sheets the total of the "Net value of deposits", page 1, and amount carried forward to page 2, should be reduced by 10¢ to read $112,971.93.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

F:f
Inc:

June 23, 1930.

Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of letter received by this Bureau from the Office of the Secretary relative to the acceptance of Mexican gold from the Union State Bank and Trust Company, Laredo, Texas, in quantities of less than $100. This letter is being sent for your guidance and appropriate action.

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

Encl.

The Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colo.